



Weddings



Isle Royale National Park—a remote roadless island, maintained in its natural setting with Lake Superior’s rugged shoreline—provides a wonderful backdrop for small, intimate weddings. Accommodating weddings that are compatible with the Park’s enabling legislation requires careful planning to protect park resources and limit intrusions on other visitors coming to enjoy this wilderness, maritime environment. A Special Use Permit is required for any wedding held at any location within Isle Royale National Park.

Application Procedures

A nonrefundable \$50.00 application fee must be included with your application. After favorable review of your application, a Special Use Permit will be prepared and mailed to you for signature. At that time, a non-refundable permit fee of \$100.00 must

be remitted with your signed permit. An additional charge of \$50.00 per hour will be incurred for a National Park Service event monitor for those outdoor activities if needed, excluding those using Forever Resorts facilities.

Fees

Weddings may be scheduled up to one year in advance and not less than 21 days prior to your ceremony. Applicants must complete the Application for Special Use Permit Form. Include your telephone number, address, e-mail address, number of people, date, time, and exact location.

All application and permit fees are nonrefundable and are required to recover the costs to administer permits. The nonrefundable application and permit fees paid by check or money order will be made payable to: “National Park Service.”

Recreation User Fees are not waived for either wedding participants or guests since recreational benefit is derived. The user fees are collected by the transportation ferries that will bring you over, or if coming by private boat, by the camping permitting office.

Applications and fees should be mailed to:

Wesley Tavegia
Isle Royale National Park
800 East Lakeshore Dr.
Houghton, MI 49931
Telephone inquiries: 906-487-7178
E-mail: Wesley_Tavegia@nps.gov

**Restrictions and
Event Management**

Please note that the wedding permit does not allow the ceremony to restrict other park visitors from the chosen location; nor does it guarantee availability of a specific site.

The approved permit must be in the applicant’s possession at the time of the wedding.

The release of any living thing is prohibited.

Birdseed or rice may not be thrown within the park as this provides an unnatural food source for wildlife.

The use of balloons, helium, or other types of decorations will not be authorized so as to preserve the natural scene.

Event or directional signs may not be used within the park.

Picnic areas may not be reserved and are available only on a first-come basis.

The permittee is responsible for the cleanup of all trash from the site.

The permittee and guests must comply with all applicable federal, state, and park regulations.

Tents, tables or other furniture are not allowed at the site of the wedding unless a picnic area is used. Archways or other artificial structures are not authorized so as to preserve the natural scene. A small number of portable chairs may be permissible for elderly or disabled guests.

Pets are not permitted in the park at any time or place.

Docking of boats is limited in most locations.

Amplified music or public address systems are not allowed. Special conditions apply outside developed areas.

No formal wedding receptions will be permitted, except as arranged with the concessionaire in Rock Harbor within concession authorized buildings.

The time allowed for outdoor events is three hours.

A visit to the park is highly recommended prior to finalizing your plans in order to decide on a site for your wedding.

Locations

The most common site is the Rock Harbor Area where wedding parties can be accommodated by Forever

Resorts, the park’s concessioner. Additional conditions apply outside of the Rock Harbor area.